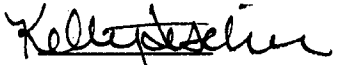


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please amend the drawings according to the attached figures, on which the amendments are indicated in red ink. Specifically, in Figure 3, please add the label "70" as indicated on the hand-annotated page. In Figure 6, please place the negative sign inside of the parentheses as indicated on the hand-annotated page. In Figure 7, please replace the second occurrence of "104" with -100- as indicated on the hand-annotated page. In Figure 17, please place the label "175" near the tallest peak as indicated on the hand-annotated page. In Figure 25, please place the label "255" near the leftmost peak as indicated on the hand-annotated page.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, lines 1-3, with the following paragraph: